

## ABC SUPPLY STADIUM CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

Ribbon cutting event marks historic opening of downtown Beloit stadium

**July 29, 2021 (BELOIT, Wisc.)** - ABC Supply Stadium, the new world-class stadium and entertainment destination along the Rock River in downtown Beloit has officially opened its gates. The community ballpark is now home of Minor League Baseball's Beloit Snappers, and brings endless opportunities for year-round sporting events, entertainment, and community gatherings to the heart of the city's Riverbend District.

On Thursday, July 29, Riverbend Stadium Authority board members were joined by major donors, sponsors, partners, and numerous business and community leaders for a ribbon cutting-ceremony and celebration to usher in the new era of sports and entertainment in Beloit. The ceremony included formal remarks from project stakeholders, including (in speaking order):

- Jim Packard, President, Riverbend Stadium Authority
- John Gackstetter, Asset Manager, Hendricks Holding
- Dennis Conerton, Beloit Baseball/ Former Beloit Snappers President
- Quint Studer, Owner, Gateway Professional Baseball/ Beloit Snappers
- Lori Luther, City Manager, City of Beloit
- Tim McKevitt, President and CEO, Beloit Health System
- Keith Rozolis, President and CEO, ABC Supply Co.
- Diane Hendricks, Chairman of the Board, Hendricks Holding

Speakers emphasized the tremendous impact ABC Supply Stadium will have on Beloit, not just as a ballpark but as a community amenity that will bring people of all ages and walks of life together time, and time again.

With 3,500 seats, ABC Supply Stadium offers state-of-the-art amenities, a 360-degree walkable open concourse, indoor suite and club level for year-round events, and new food and beverage offerings from Beloit's Geronimo Hospitality Group. Gateway Professional Baseball, owner of the Beloit Snappers, will operate the stadium on and off-season.

The privately-funded, \$37M stadium was constructed in just 13 months with an average of 120 workers on site each day. The project persevered during the global pandemic, meeting its goal to open during the 2021 Beloit Snappers season. Fans will gather on August 3rd for the stadium's first home game.

For more information about ABC Supply Stadium, view the <u>digit press kit</u> or contact <u>roseann.haedt@hendricksgroup.net</u>.